

Blanco Ranger  
District  
220 E Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641



## **LOST LAKES TRAIL #1812**

**Difficulty:** Moderate

**Trail Use:** Moderate

**Length:** 3.5 miles

**Elevation:** Starts at 9,786 feet and ends at 10,833 feet (highest point 10,967 ft)

**Elevation Gain:** +1,183 feet – 136 feet = +1,047 feet

**Open To:** HIKING, HORSEBACK RIDING

### **Access:**

Access to The Lost Lakes Trail is located 48 miles east of Meeker.

From Meeker, take State Highway 13 east for 1 mile.

Where Highway 13 turns north, turn east on Rio Blanco County Road 8 for 39 miles.

Turn south on the Trappers Lake Road (FDR 205) for 8 miles to Skinny Fish Trailhead parking area.

Take the Skinny Fish Trail #1813 one mile to its junction with Lost Lakes Trail.

### **Trail Highlights:**

The Lost Lakes Trail begins where the Skinny Fish-McGinnis Trail branches to the right to the lakes bearing those names. The trail continues to climb through stands of burned (2002 Big Fish Fire) spruce and spruce-fir across the shoulder of Lost Lakes Peak. Looking south, the dominant feature is Trappers Lake with the amphitheater directly behind it. The White River valley is visible to the west and Lost Lakes Peak towers to the north. The trail ends at the Chinese Wall Trail (#1803) on the divide between the Williams Fork and the White River drainages covering a distance of about 3.5 miles. To reach the Lost Lakes turn northwest on the Chinese Wall Trail for 1/2 mile to Routt National Forest Trail #1103. This trail descends the 1/2 mile to West Lost Lake.

**ETHICS/REGULATIONS:** Lost Lakes Trail is in the Flat Tops Wilderness, please educate yourself about Wilderness Ethics. Know the following rules:

- **Cattle:** May be grazing in the area
- **DOGS:** Possessing a dog or other animal that is harassing wildlife or people or damaging property is prohibited. There is no leash law in the Flat Tops, however dogs must be kept under verbal control at all times.
- **TRASH: PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT** -- even biodegradable items like fruit peels!
- Limit group size to 10 people and 15 stock/pack animals or less
- **SANITATION** - bury human waste 100 feet from trails and water and 6 inches in the soil or pack it out along with toilet paper.

**WILDERNESS AREAS** are in a delicate state of natural balance, they are not renewable resources. Any careless act upsets this natural balance and destroys the beauty found in the Wilderness. By following Wilderness ethics and regulations you can protect and preserve the natural qualities of the Wilderness for future visits. **PLEASE, RESPECT THE LAND AND RIGHTS OF OTHERS**



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